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PENNSYLVANIA EGG PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT IN OCTOBER

HARRISBURG --- Pennsylvania egg production totaled 528 million during October, up 5 percent from the October 1998 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). There were an average of 22.8 million layers in the Commonwealth during the month, up 2 percent from October 1998. Average production per 100 layers was 2,315 eggs, compared with 2,267 eggs during the previous October.

Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 6.49 million in October, 21 percent more than the 5.35 million one year ago. Cumulative egg-type hatch for 1999 is 55.6 million, up 4 percent from the 53.6 million hatched during the same period last year. There were 11.9 million broiler-type chicks hatched last month, down 3 percent from October 1998. Cumulative broiler-type hatch for 1999, at 127.1 million chicks, was up less than one percent compared with the 126.6 million hatched January through October 1998.

United States - Egg production in the United States totaled 7.13 billion during October 1999, up 5 percent from the 6.79 billion produced the previous year. The total number of layers during the month averaged 325.0 million, up 3 percent from the average number of layers during October 1998. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 2 percent from October 1998.

October egg-type chicks hatched totaled 38.6 million, up 11 percent from last year. Broiler-type hatch, at 698 million chicks, was up 1 percent from October 1998. Turkey eggs in incubators on November 1, 1999, totaled 28.9 million, up 5 percent from a year ago. A total of 22.3 million turkey poults were placed during October, down 2 percent from October 1998.